

Paul R. Carey, of New York, to be a Member of the Securities and Exchange Commission for the term expiring June 5, 2002.

Laura S. Unger, of New York, to be a Member of the Securities and Exchange Commission for the term expiring June 5, 2001.

James E. Hall, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the National Transportation Safety Board for a term expiring December 31, 2002. Pages S10905–06, S10909

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 12 noon, and adjourned at 5:59 p.m., until 12 noon, on Wednesday, October 22, 1997. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S10907.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NATO ENLARGEMENT

Committee on Appropriations: Committee held hearings to examine the costs of enlarging NATO membership to include Poland, Hungary, and the Czech Republic and the impact of enlargement on Department of Defense readiness, receiving testimony from Madeleine K. Albright, Secretary of State; and William S. Cohen, Secretary of Defense.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

AIRLINE DEREGULATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation held oversight hearings to review the status of competition in the airline industry as a result of airline deregulation and its related impact on consumers, focusing on certain restrictions to free market competition among airlines in America, receiving testimony from Patrick V. Murphy, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Aviation and International Affairs, and Jeff Griffith, Planning Director, Air Traffic Operations, Federal Aviation Administration, both of the Department of Transportation; Fred C. Allvine, Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta; Steven A. Morrison, Northeastern University, Boston, Massachusetts; and Jay U. Sterling, University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

FINANCIAL SERVICE INDUSTRIES

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Regu-

latory Relief concluded oversight hearings to review the condition of the banking and thrift industries, including the Bank Insurance Fund and the Savings Association Insurance Fund, focusing on the trend of consolidation and integration among banks, thrifts, and other financial services providers, developments that pose risks to insured institutions, and computer compliance in the Year 2000, after receiving testimony from Andrew C. Hove, Jr., Acting Chairman, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation; and Nicolas Retsinas, Director, Office of Thrift Supervision, Department of the Treasury.

EUROPEAN MONETARY UNION

Committee on the Budget: Committee held hearings to examine the economic and monetary union in Europe and its implications for the United States economy, receiving testimony from Lawrence H. Summers, Deputy Secretary of the Treasury; Giovanni Ravasio, European Commission, Brussels, Belgium; and C. Randall Henning, American University and the Institute for International Economics, Washington, D.C.

Committee will meet again on Thursday, October 23.

DOMESTIC CRUISE AND SHIP TRADE INDUSTRIES

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine concluded hearings on S. 803, to permit the transportation of passengers between United States ports by certain foreign-flag vessels and to encourage United States-flag vessels to participate in such transportation, S. 668, to provide an exemption to United States coastwise passenger trade laws for Alaska, and related issues, after receiving testimony from Senators Thurmond and Murkowski; Helen Hill, Charleston Area Convention and Visitors Bureau, Charleston, South Carolina; Peter Blute, Massachusetts Port Authority, Boston; Thomas Garrett, Alaska Division of Tourism, Juneau; Michael A. Spinelli, American Society of Travel Agents, Lowell, Massachusetts; David F. Lauth, Cruising America Coalition, El Cajone, California; and Frank Pecquex, Maritime Trades Department/AFL-CIO, both of Washington, D.C.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Steven J. Green, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Singapore, Lange Schermerhorn, of New Jersey, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Djibouti, Brenda Schoonover, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Togo, and William H. Twaddell, of

Rhode Island, to be Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Nigeria, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf. Mr. Green was introduced by Senators Mack, Graham, and Breaux.

NORTH KOREAN MISSILE PROLIFERATION

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on International Security, Proliferation and Federal Services concluded hearings to examine threats posed by North Korea's efforts to acquire weapons of mass destruction and to export both ballistic missile systems and production technology, after receiving testimony from Col. Joo-Hwal Choi, formerly of the North Korea Ministry of the People's Army, and Young-Hwan Ko, formerly of the North Korea Ministry of Foreign Affairs, both of the Research Institute for North Korean Affairs, Seoul.

BANKRUPTCY REFORM

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Administrative Oversight and the Courts concluded hearings to examine the recommendations of the National Bankruptcy Review Commission to reform the federal bankruptcy code, after receiving testimony from Brady C. Williamson, Madison, Wisconsin, M. Caldwell Butler, Woods Rogers and Hazelgrove, Roanoke, Virginia, Edith Hollan Jones, United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, Houston, Texas, Robert E. Ginsberg, Chicago, Illinois, Jay Alix, Jay Alix & Associates, Southfield, Michigan, James I. Shepard, Fresno, California, Babette A. Ceccotti, Cohen, Weiss & Simon, New York, New York, and John A. Gose, Preston Gates & Ellis, Se-

attle, Washington, all on behalf of the National Bankruptcy Review Commission.

WORKPLACE RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

Committee on Labor and Human Resources: Committee concluded hearings on S. 1124, to revise certain provisions of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 to modify the definition of religion to include all aspects of religious observance, practice, and belief, after receiving testimony from Senator Kerry; Richard Foltin, American Jewish Committee, on behalf of the Coalition for Religious Freedom in the Workplace, and Lawrence Z. Lorber, Verner Lipfer Bernhard McPherson & Hand, both of Washington, D.C.; Roberto Corrada, University of Denver College of Law, Denver, Colorado; Kathleen Pielech, East Tauton, Massachusetts; Patricia Reed, Berkely, Massachusetts; Aston A. Beadle, Columbia, Maryland; John Kalwitz, South Bend, Indiana; and Anjum Smith, Quinton, Virginia.

MISSISSIPPI SIOUX JUDGMENT FUND

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded hearings on H.R. 976, to provide for the disposition of certain funds appropriated to pay judgment in favor of the Mississippi Sioux Indians, after receiving testimony from Michael Anderson, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Indian Affairs; Andrew Grey, Sr., Sisseton-Wahpeton Sioux Tribe, Agency Village, South Dakota; Michael Abourezk, Abourezk Law Firm, Rapid City, South Dakota; and Ambrose McBride, Crow Creek Sioux Tribe, Fort Thompson, South Dakota.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 15 public bills, H.R. 2675–2689; 1 private bill, H.R. 2690; and 4 resolutions, H.J. Res. 97, H. Con. Res. 171, and H. Res. 272–273, were introduced.

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

Filed on October 14, 1997, H.R. 2616, to amend titles VI and X of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to improve and expand charter schools, amended (H. Rept. 105–321);

H.R. 1270, to amend the Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982, amended (H. Rept. 105–290 part 2);

H.R. 2535, to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to allow the consolidation of student loans

under the Federal Family Loan Program and the Direct Loan Program, amended (H. Rept. 105–322);

H.R. 1534, to simplify and expedite access to the Federal courts for injured parties whose rights and privileges, secured by the United States Constitution, have been deprived by final actions of Federal agencies, or other government officials or entities acting under color of State law; to prevent Federal courts from abstaining from exercising Federal jurisdiction in actions where no State law claim is alleged; to permit certification of unsettled State law questions that are essential to resolving Federal claims arising under the Constitution; and to clarify when government action is sufficiently final to ripen certain Federal claims arising under the Constitution, amended (H. Rept. 105–323);